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For Appellant

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Pursuant to the Remand under 37 CFR 1.193(b)(1) by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 20, 2003, a supplemental Examiner's Answer is set forth below:

This application was remanded in order for the Examiner to verify that the Appellants received the English translation of Japanese Patent document No. 04-171744 (Masanori) and to obtain another copy of the translation for the file wrapper.

An attempt to contact Mr. Jay M. Cantor at the telephone number of record in the application was unsuccessful. Therefore, a telephone call was made to Texas Instruments. In a telephone conversation on December 10, 2003, Mr. Jim Brady, Reg. No. 32080, verified that a copy of the English-language translation of Japanese Patent document No. 04-171744 (Masanori) had been received and placed in the application file at Texas Instruments. Mr. Brady confirmed that Mr. Cantor has access to this file.

The Examiner has reviewed the full translation and a copy of the full translation was mailed to Appellants on November 19, 2002. Since receipt of the translation by Appellants has been confirmed, Appellants have had an opportunity to respond to the contents of the full translation. Although the abstract is only a short summary of what is contained in the full document, in this case the abstract discloses the same process as the full document. The translation was requested by the Examiner and subsequently mailed to Appellants to prove that Appellants have incorrectly argued that the Masanori patent uses a halogen-based chemistry to remove the residual material. It was presumed that the erroneous argument was based, at least in part, on an inaccurate interpretation of the abstract. It was thought that an English-language translation of the

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full document might show Appellants that their argument was incorrect. It is maintained that the appealed claims are not patentable over either the abstract or the English-language translation of the Masanori patent.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Wilczewski', written in a cursive style.

M. Wilczewski